

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 769

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A RESOLUTION to honor Reverend Denny Charles Shepard,
Pastor of Commerce Cumberland Presbyterian
Church.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should recognize those venerable religious leaders who, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, enrich the lives of the people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such religious leader is Reverend Denny Charles Shepard, Pastor of Commerce Cumberland Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Shepard was born in Franklin, Tennessee, grew up in West Nashville, and graduated from Cohn High School in 1960; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Shepard earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1964 from Bethel University and went on to graduate from Memphis Theological Seminary in 1968 with a Master of Divinity degree; he also undertook additional studies at Peabody College and Vanderbilt Divinity School; and

WHEREAS, after many years of service to various Cumberland Presbyterian congregations, Reverend Shepard returned to his education, earning his Doctorate of Ministry degree from Newburg Theological Seminary on December 10, 2013, at the age of seventy-one; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Shepard is also a licensed health and life insurance agent and a licensed funeral director; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Shepard and his beloved wife, Loretta Kay Shepard, who is also an elder at Commerce Cumberland Presbyterian Church, will celebrate fifty years of wedded bliss on June 27, 2014; they are the proud parents of Tracey Lynne Gholson and Scott Harrell

Shepard and the grandparents of Jacob and Jessie Gholson and Lauren and Stephen Shepard;
and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that this General Assembly recognize this exemplary religious leader and life-long learner on the occasion of earning his doctorate; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Reverend Denny Charles Shepard for his religious and community leadership, congratulate him on receiving his Doctorate of Ministry degree, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.